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**From:** Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Donna Green <communications@montanafamily.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 5, 2016 9:17 PM  
**To:** Court, SCclerk  
**Subject:** Opposed to Rule 8.4(g)

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Honorable Ed Smith  
P.O. Box 203003  
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

I am wondering why you feel it is necessary to make a rule that would jeopardize a lawyer who holds to the beliefs of his/her religion. If we swear on a Bible in the courtroom, then why is it wrong for a lawyer who is a Christian to uphold the teachings of the Book of his/her religion? To impose such a rule as 8.4(g) will impinge on First Amendment rights (free exercise of religion and freedom of speech).

I implore you to not follow through with this proposed new rule--8.4(g). Please preserve the freedom promised to us in the US Constitution.

Sincerely,  
Donna Green  
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I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

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